

July 22, 1982

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Dear Kees:

I enjoyed my lunch with you in Washington earlier this month. We discussed the possibility of awarding the Resistance Medal to a limited number of OSS personnel involved in the Melanie Mission. I had names and addresses of four officers involved in this work and you asked me if it wouldn't be both proper and possible to include perhaps two non-commissioned officers. There were, in fact, two non-commissioned officers involved in intelligence, interpretation, and coordination, as you can see in my letter of June 28th. I am glad to say that I have now located Sgts. Moed and Judels, except for the fact that Judels died six years ago so there is only one living, namely Moed.

One of the reasons of Melanie's success was the speed with which we transmitted intelligence to SHAEF, and a factor in this was undoubtedly the radio crew who normally spent the major part of the night encoding and transmitting. A suggestion has been made that in view of this, one of these operators, in this case Sgt. Holden, should perhaps qualify for the award, and I think he can be located.

In order to keep things from getting too mixed up in different letters and memos, I attach to this letter names and addresses of the four officers and two sergeants who are now recommended.

Sincerely,



J. Laverge

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Enclosure

CC: Mr. Geoffrey M. T. Jones

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AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

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